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Jefferson County to Host Agricultural Preservation Plan Open House

Jefferson County is in the process of updating its Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan. This plan will update the County's 1999 Plan and respond to the new State farmland preservation program commonly known as the Working Lands Initiative.

The draft Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan provides a vision and guidelines for growth, development, and land preservation in Jefferson County over the next decade and beyond. The updated Plan will function as the primary policy document setting forth directions for how Jefferson County intends to preserve agricultural production, farmland, environmental corridors, and rural character, while accommodating compatible growth in planned locations, forms, and densities.

The County is hosting an Open House on February 21st to allow members of the public and local government officials to review the draft Plan and provide feedback prior to formal adoption by the County Board. Residents are encouraged to attend this "drop in" event at any time between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. The Open House will be held in rooms 8 and 9 at UW-Extension located at 864 Collins Road in Jefferson.

Participants will be able to:

- Hear a short presentation with the key Plan recommendations at 7:15p.m.
- Review a complete draft of the Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan.
- Review draft maps and graphics, including farmland preservation maps for each town.
- Have questions answered one on one with the planning consultant and County staff.

For additional information about the Open House, please contact Rob Klotz, Director of Planning and Zoning at (920) 674-7130 or RobK@jeffersoncountywi.gov. Additional information about the Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan Update is available on the County's website www.co.jefferson.wi.us.

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